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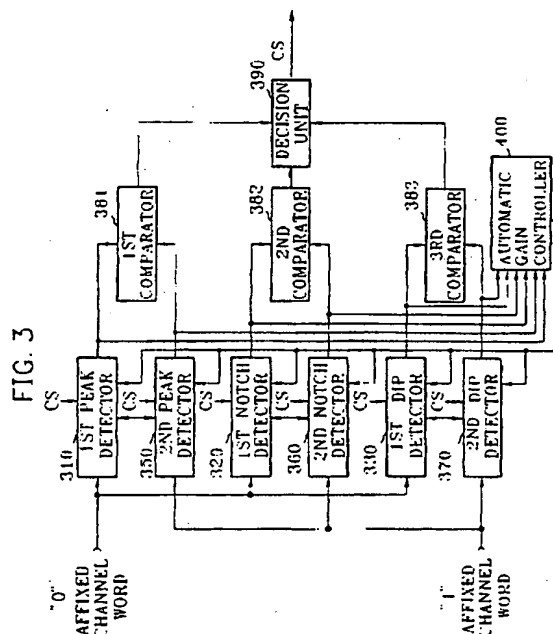
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(54) Control signal generation apparatus for a digital information signal recording system

(57) A control signal generation apparatus for use in a digital information signal recording system enables an optimum channel word of two channel words output from two precoders to be recorded on a digital record medium. The control signal generation apparatus compares (381 - 383) the same kind of components between peak, notch, and dip components detected from the two channel words, and generates a control signal for selecting an optimum channel word. Also, the apparatus comprises a gain controller (400) for controlling gains with respect to integrators used for detecting the peak, notch, and dip components. The gain controller (400) compares the detected peak, notch, and dip components with the upper limit and lower limit reference set values, and generates a gain control signal according to the comparison results. Accordingly, the present invention can reduce the amount of the hardware circuitry, compared with the conventional apparatus which adds the peak, notch, and dip components detected from an individual channel word, and then compares the addition results with each other. Also, using of an automatic gain controller allows the number of the maximum allowable bits to be reduced, and an operational processing speed of an integrator to be increased.



Description

The present invention relates to an apparatus for generating control signals used in a recording device for recording a digital information signal on a digital record medium, and more particularly, to an apparatus for generating control signals concerning selection of the channel word to be recorded on an information track of a digital record medium, in a recording device for recording channel words on information tracks in the magnetic record medium, in which (n+1)-bit information words each of which successive information word has an affixed one-bit digital word are converted into (n+1)-bit channel words in precoders.

A general 8mm video tape recording system records a recording signal together with a pilot signal on each recording track of a record medium, in order to accurately control the recording tracks. However, a method for recording pilot signals having simply different frequencies together with recording signals is inefficient in terms of a utility efficiency of the record medium. This is because the pilot signals in neighbouring tracks should be sufficiently far from a pilot signal in a track to be reproduced, in order not to cause crosstalk with the pilot signal on the frequency spectrum. To solve the above problem, a high efficiency encoding technology is disclosed in US patent number 5 142 421 to Kahlman et al. issued on August 25 1992, entitled "Device for Recording a Digital Information Signal On A Record Carrier". This prior art will be described below with reference to Figures 1 and 2.

Figure 1 shows a device for recording a digital information signal on a record carrier, which is referred to in the above prior art. In Figure 1, a first affixing unit 100 affixes "0" to a successive n-bit information word input via an input end 10, and a second affixing unit 150 affixes "1" to the successive n-bit information word. First and second precoders 200 and 250 convert the (n+1)-bit information words into (n+1)-bit channel words, respectively. The output of the first precode 200 is supplied to a control signal generator 300 and a first delay 500, and the output of the second precode 250 is supplied to the control signal generator 300 and a second delay 550. The control signal generator 300 to be described later in detail referring to Figure 2 generates a control signal CS using the applied data. The control signal CS is supplied to the first and second precoders 200 and 250 and a multiplexer 600. The first and second delays 500 and 550 delay the input data until the control signal generator 300 generates a control signal corresponding to the input data. The multiplexer 600 selects one of the output signals from the first and second delays 500 and 550 according to the control signal CS and supplies the selected signal to a recording unit 700. The first and second precoders 200 and 250 operate to contain the identical contents in internal memories in response to the control signals CS. For example, when the output data of the first precode 200 is transmitted

to the recording unit 700, the contents contained in the first precode 200 is supplied to the second precode 250, with a result that the first and second precoders 200 and 250 contain the identical contents.

Figure 2 is a detailed block diagram of the control signal generator 300 of Figure 1. The control signal generator 300 of Figure 2 includes a spectrum analysis circuit 301 receiving the output signal of the first precode 200 and a spectrum analysis circuit 302 receiving the output signal of the second precode 250. Since the spectrum analysis circuits 301 and 302 have the same constitution, the structure of only a spectrum analysis circuit 301 is shown in detail in Figure 2. The spectrum analysis circuit 301 shown in detail in Figure 2 is substantially the same as those disclosed in Figure 17 of US patent number 5 142 421 except for an adder 311, an integrator 312 and a square wave generator 35. Since differences between spectrum analysis circuit 301 of Figure 2 and the Figure 17 circuit of the above prior art reference can be fully understood by one skilled in the art, the detailed description of the differences will be omitted. The spectrum analysis circuit 301 includes three spectrum detectors respectively having a peak detector 310 for detecting a peak component in which a particular frequency component is larger than a reference set value, a notch detector 320 for detecting a notch component capable of discriminating whether the particular frequency component is smaller than the reference set value, and a dip detector 330 for detecting a dip component assisting peak detection by attenuating a certain amount around the peak component. Peak detector, notch detector and dip detector 310, 320 and 330 detect the peak, notch and dip components from "0"-affixed channel word, respectively. An adder 340 sums output signals from detectors 310, 320 and 330. A spectrum analysis circuit 302 performs the same operation as that of the spectrum analysis circuit 301 with respect to "1"-affixed channel word. A comparator 303 compares the output signals of spectrum analysis circuits 301 and 302, to thereby generate the control signal CS. Since the above adder 340 receives the five signals and sums all these signals, the circuit construction becomes complicated. Also, an accurate result cannot be obtained unless relative gains are the same when each spectrum is estimated. Further, since the complicated circuit lengthens a processing time, a digital circuit having a negative feedback loop requires a highspeed operational device to complete the negative feedback loop with a certain time.

With a view to solving or reducing the above problem, it is an aim of embodiments of the present invention to provide a control signal generation apparatus in a digital information signal recording system in which a circuit for analyzing a spectrum is simplified and the number of the maximum allowable bits of an integrator included in each spectrum detector is reduced, to thereby improve an operational processing speed.

According to a first aspect of the invention, there is

provided a control signal generation apparatus for receiving (n+1)-bit channel words and selecting an (n+1)-bit channel word which is supplied to a recording unit, for use in a system having means for affixing a one-bit digital word to each information in a digital information signal, precoders for coding successive (n+1)-bit information words to which one-bit digital word is affixed into (n+1)-bit channel words, recording means for recording the (n+1)-bit channel words supplied from the precoders on an information track in a magnetic record medium, and select means for selectively supplying one of the (n+1)-bit channel words from the precoders to the recording means in response to a control signal, the control signal generation apparatus comprising:

first spectrum detection means coupled to an output end of said precoder which generates a one-bit digital word, "0"-affixed (n+1)-bit channel word, for detecting peak, notch and dip components at a particular frequency from the (n+1)-bit channel words;

second spectrum detection means coupled to an output end of said precoder which generates a one-bit digital word, "1"-affixed (n+1)-bit channel word, for detecting peak, notch and dip components at said particular frequency from the (n+1)-bit channel words;

comparator means for comparing the spectrum components detected in said first and second spectrum detection means with the same kind of spectrum components, respectively; and

means for determining which of said first and second spectrum detection means outputs more components having relatively small size, and generate the control signal indicating the decision result.

The apparatus preferably further comprises gain control means which compares the peak, notch and dip components of said first and second spectrum detection means with upper limit and lower limit reference set values, and generates a gain control signal according to the comparison results,

Preferably, each of said first and second spectrum detection means comprises a plurality of integrators used for generating peak, notch and dip components, in which an individual integrator controls the gain of an input signal according to the gain control signal of the gain control means.

The gain control signal is preferably used for controlling the gains of the integrators in the first and second spectrum detection means.

Said gain control means preferably generates the gain control signal to increase the gains when all the peak, notch, and dip components are smaller than the lower limit reference set value, while to decrease the gains when at least one of the peak, notch, and dip com-

ponents is larger than the upper limit reference set value.

Respective integrators preferably control input signals to have the same gain with each other in accordance with the gain control signal.

Each integrator contained in one of said first and second spectrum detection means preferably comprises:

a latch for storing an input signal;

a first amplifier for amplifying an output signal from said latch by two times;

a second amplifier for amplifying the output signal from said latch by one-half times;

a multiplexer for selecting and outputting a one among an integrated value of a corresponding integrator which is contained in the other of first and second spectrum detection means, and output signal of said latch, and output signals of said first and second amplifiers, according to the control signal and gain control signal; and

an adder for adding the output signal of said multiplexer and a channel word to which 1-bit digital word is affixed.

The apparatus may further comprise:

a first gain controller for comparing the peak components of said first and second spectrum detection means with predetermined upper limit and lower limit reference set values, respectively, and for generating a gain control signal according to the comparison result;

a second gain controller for comparing the notch components of said first and second spectrum detection means with the upper limit and lower limit reference set values, respectively, and for generating a gain control signal according to the comparison result; and

a third gain controller for comparing the dip components of said first and second spectrum detection means with predetermined upper limit and lower limit reference set values, respectively, and for generating a gain control signal according to the comparison result,

wherein each of said first and second spectrum detection means comprises a plurality of integrators used for generating peak, notch and dip components, in which an individual integrator controls the gain of an input signal according to corresponding gain control signal.

Each of said first through third gain controllers preferably generates the gain control signal to increase the gains when all the components are smaller than the lower limit reference set value, while to decrease the gains when at least one of the components is larger than the upper limit reference set value.

For a better understanding of the invention, and to show how embodiments of the same may be carried into effect, reference will now be made, by way of example, to the accompanying diagrammatic drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a block diagram of a conventional apparatus for recording a digital information signal on a record carrier;

Figure 2 is a detailed block diagram of the control signal generator 300 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a block diagram of a control signal generation apparatus according to one embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 4 is a detailed circuit diagram of the decision unit 390 of Figure 3;

Figure 5 is a detailed circuit diagram of the automatic gain controller 400 of Figure 3;

Figure 6 is a flowchart diagram showing a gain control signal generation procedure in the controller 420 of Figure 5;

Figure 7 is a detailed circuit diagram of the integrator 315, 355, 325, 365, 335 or 375 of Figure 5;

Figure 8 is a detailed circuit diagram of the multiplexer 430 of Figure 7;

Figure 9 is a block diagram of a control signal generation apparatus according to another embodiment of the present invention; and

Figure 10 is a detailed circuit diagram of the automatic gain controller 401, 402 or 403 of Figure 9.

Preferred embodiments of the present invention will be described below in more detail with reference to Figures 3 and 10.

In Figure 3 showing a control signal generation apparatus according to one embodiment of the present invention, a first peak detector 310, a first notch detector 320 and a first dip detector 330 receive a "0"-affixed channel word, respectively. A second peak detector 350, a second notch detector 360 and a second dip detector 370 receive a "1"-affixed channel word, respectively. A first comparator 381 is connected to the outputs of the first peak detector 310 and the second peak detector 350. A second comparator 382 is connected to

the outputs of the first notch detector 320 and the second notch detector 360. A third comparator 383 is connected to the outputs of the first dip detector 330 and the second dip detector 370. A decision unit 390 is connected to the outputs of the first through third comparators 381-383. The decision unit 390 generates a control signal CS. The above spectrum component detectors 310 and 350, 320 and 360, and 330 and 370 for detecting the identical spectrum components receive a signal from the mutually corresponding spectrum component detector, respectively. Also, an automatic gain controller (AGC) 400 is connected to the outputs of the spectrum component detectors 310, 320, 330, 350, 360 and 370. The AGC 400 supplies gain control signals GU and GD which will be described later in detail, to the spectrum component detectors 310, 320, 330, 350, 360 and 370.

The operation of the Figure 3 apparatus will be described below referring to Figures 4 through 8 showing the detailed blocks of the control signal generation apparatus.

The first peak detector 310, the first notch detector 320 and the first dip detector 330 detect a peak component, a notch component and a dip component from the received "0"-affixed channel word, respectively. The second peak detector 350, the second notch detector 360 and the second dip detector 370 detect the peak, notch and dip components from the received "1"-affixed channel word, respectively. The first through third comparators 381-383 which are connected to the output ends of the spectrum component detectors compare the signals output from the identical spectrum component detectors. That is, the first comparator 381 compares the output signals of the first and second peak detectors 310 and 350 with each other and selects and outputs the smaller one. The second and third comparators 382 and 383 select and output the smaller one with respect to the notch and dip components, respectively, in the same manner as that of the first comparator 381. The decision unit 390 generates a control signal CS which is determined toward the two or more identical results among the output signals of the first through third comparators 381-383.

Figure 4 is a detailed circuit diagram of the decision unit 390 of Figure 3. First through third OR gates 391-393 logically sum two of the output signals of the first through third comparators 381-383, respectively. A first AND gate 394 logically multiplies two (the outputs of the first and second OR gates in Figure 4) of the output signals of the first through third OR gates 391-393. Then, a second AND gate 395 logically multiplies the output signal of the first AND gate 394 by the remaining one (the output of the third OR gate in Figure 4) which is not input to the first AND gate 394 among the output signals of the first through third OR gates 391-393. As a result, the decision unit 390 outputs a control signal CS so that a more often selected signal among the output signals of the comparators 381-383 is determined.

In the prior art Figure 2 apparatus, the first adder

340 having the five inputs is constituted in such a manner that two of the five inputs are added first, and then the result of the first addition is added to one of the remaining three inputs. Accordingly, the first adder 340 can be composed of four adders each having two inputs. Thus, the prior art apparatus totally should include eight adders. Meanwhile the apparatus of Figure 3 changes the adder 340 into three comparators 381-383. Since a comparator circuit is simpler than an adder circuit, the present invention reduces the amount of the hardware circuitry, and outputs the identical result to that of the case when the signals are added and then compared.

Figure 5 is a detailed circuit diagram of the automatic gain controller 400 of Figure 3. First through fifth level comparators 411-415 in the automatic gain controller 400 receive the output signals of the first through fifth integrators 315, 355, 325, 365 and 335, and compare the received signals with the upper limit and lower limit reference set values T_{high} and T_{low} , respectively. Accordingly, the first through fifth level comparators 411-415 generate level control signals LU and LD for levelling up and down, respectively. A controller 420 receives the level control signals LU and LD from the first through fifth level comparators 411-415, and generates gain control signals GU and GD for increasing and decreasing the gain, respectively. Then, the gain control signals GU and GD are supplied to the first through fifth integrators 315, 355, 325, 365 and 335, respectively. Here the first through fifth integrators correspond to the first and second peak, notch and dip detectors, respectively.

Figure 6 is a flowchart diagram showing the process of generating gain control signals GU and GD in the controller 420 of Figure 5. When the level up signals LUs of the first through fifth level comparators 411-415 are all high level, that is, the output signals of the first through fifth level comparators 411-415 are smaller than the lower limit reference set value T_{low} in step 10, the controller 420 outputs a high-level gain-up signal GU for increasing the gain in step 20. Then, when there is one or more high-level signals among the level-down signals LUs, a signal which is larger than the upper limit reference set value T_{high} exists in the output signals of the integrators (step 20). In this case, the gain-down signal (GD) is made a high-level signal to decrease the gain in step 40.

Figure 7 is a detailed circuit diagram of the integrator 315 for performing a gain control function of Figure 5. In Figure 7, an adder 440 adds the "0"- or "1"-affixed channel word and the output signal of a multiplexer 430. A D-flip-flop 441 delays the output signal of a second adder 440 by a predetermined time. A first amplifier 442 amplifies the output signal of the D-flip-flop 441 by one-half times. A second amplifier 443 amplifies the output signal of the D-flip-flop 441 by two times.

The multiplexer 430 receives the gain control signal GU and GD of the controller 420 in Figure 5 and the control signal CS of Figure 4, and selects one among the half-times 448, one-time 447 and two-times 446 of

the integrated value stored in D-flip-flop 441 and the integrated value 445 of corresponding spectrum component detector 355. Then, the multiplexer 430 negatively feeds back the selected one to the second adder 440.

Figure 8 is a detailed circuit diagram of the multiplexer 430 of Figure 7. In Figure 8, a third AND gate 431 logically multiplies a low-level control signal CS, a high-level gain-up signal GU and a low-level gain-down signal GD. A fourth AND gate 432 logically multiplies a low-level control signal CS, a low-level gain-up signal GU and a low-level gain-down signal GD. A fifth AND gate 433 logically multiplies a low-level control signal CS, a low-level gain-up signal GU, and a high-level gain down signal GD. A sixth AND gate 434 logically multiplies a high-level control signal CS and the integration value 445 of the detector 355. A seventh AND gate 435 logically multiplies the output signal of a third AND gate 431 and the integration value 446 being two times the integration value of D-flip-flop 441. An eighth AND gate 436 logically multiplies the output signal of the fourth AND gate 432 and the integration value 447 of D-flip-flop 441. A ninth AND gate 437 logically multiplies the output signal of the fifth AND gate 433 and the integration value 448 being one-half times the integration value of D-flip-flop 441. A fourth OR gate 438 logically sums the output signals of the sixth through ninth AND gates 434-437. The fourth OR gate 438 in Figure 8 outputs the integration value 445 of the relative detector 355 when the control signal CS via the sixth AND gate 434 is high level. Also, if the gain-up signal GU is high level when the control signal CS is low level, the value 446 being two times the integration value of D-flip-flop 441 is selected to thereby increase the gain. Meanwhile, if the gain-down signal GD is high level, the value 448 being one-half times the integration value of D-flip-flop 441 is selected to thereby decrease the gain. Then, if the gain-up and gain-down signals GU and GD are both low level, the integration value 447 of D-flip-flop 441 is output. The signal selected in the fourth OR gate 438 is applied to the second adder 440 of Figure 7, and is added to the "0"- or "1"-affixed signal therein.

By experiment, the integrators of Figure 2 should be constituted with an internal adder circuit having the minimum 16 bits. However, the present invention uses the gain controller, to thereby reduce the number of the maximum allowable bits in the integrator down to 12 bits or less. Particularly, the number of the maximum allowable bits of the integrators in the peak and notch detectors can be reduced down to 10 bits. Also, the comparators can be constituted so that only some of the upper bits of the input signal are used.

The present invention can independently constitute the gain relationship with respect to the identical spectrum component detection paths. Such an example is shown in Figures 9 and 10.

Figure 9 is a block diagram of a control signal generation apparatus according to another embodiment of the present invention. In Figure 9, a first automatic gain

controller 401 is connected to the outputs of a first peak detector 310 and a second peak detector 350. Likewise, a second automatic gain controller 402 is connected to the outputs of a first notch detector 320 and a second notch detector 360. Likewise, a third automatic gain controller 403 is connected to the outputs of a first dip detector 330 and a second dip detector 370. Since the other elements of Figure 9 are the same as those of Figure 3, the detailed description thereof will be omitted.

Figure 10 is a detailed circuit diagram of the first, second or third automatic gain controller 401, 402 or 403 of Figure 9. In Figure 10, a sixth level comparator 451 compares the output signal of the first component such as a peak, notch or dip component, with an upper limit reference set value T_{high} . A seventh level comparator 452 compares the output signal of the first component, with a lower limit reference set value T_{low} . An eighth level comparator 453 compares the output signal of the second component, with an upper limit reference set value T_{high} . A ninth level comparator 454 compares the output signal of the second component, with a lower limit reference set value T_{low} . An OR gate 455 logically sums the output signals of the sixth and eighth level comparators 451 and 453. An AND gate 456 logically multiplies the output signals of the seventh and ninth level comparators 452 and 454.

The sixth and eighth level comparators 451 and 453 compare the input signals with the upper limit reference set value T_{high} , respectively. Then, the sixth and eighth level comparators 451 and 453 output the comparison results as a level-down signal LD, respectively. The OR gate 455 generates a gain-down signal GD according to the level-down signal LD. The seventh and ninth level comparators 452 and 454 compare the input signals with the lower limit reference set value T_{low} , respectively. Then, the seventh and ninth level comparators 452 and 454 output the comparison results as a level-up signal LU, respectively. The AND gate 456 generates a gain-up signal GU according to the level-up signal LU.

As described above, the control signal generation apparatus for the digital information signal recording system according to embodiments of the present invention, compares the same kind of components with each other from the "0"- or "1"-affixed signal, selects one of them, and improves a decision unit so that the more frequently selected signal should be selected, to thereby reduce an amount of circuit hardware. Also, embodiments of the present invention use an automatic gain controller to reduce the number of the maximum allowable bits. Accordingly, embodiments of the present invention can increase an operational processing speed of an integrator.

While only certain embodiments of the invention have been specifically described herein, it will be apparent that numerous modifications may be made thereto without departing from the scope of the invention.

The reader's attention is directed to all papers and documents which are filed concurrently with or previous

to this specification in connection with this application and which are open to public inspection with this specification, and the contents of all such papers and documents are incorporated herein by reference.

All of the features disclosed in this specification (including any accompanying claims, abstract and drawings), and/or all of the steps of any method or process so disclosed, may be combined in any combination, except combinations where at least some of such features and/or steps are mutually exclusive.

Each feature disclosed in this specification (including any accompanying claims, abstract and drawings), may be replaced by alternative features serving the same, equivalent or similar purpose, unless expressly stated otherwise. Thus, unless expressly stated otherwise, each feature disclosed is one example only of a generic series of equivalent or similar features.

The invention is not restricted to the details of the foregoing embodiment(s). The invention extends to any novel one, or any novel combination, of the features disclosed in this specification (including any accompanying claims, abstract and drawings), or to any novel one, or any novel combination, of the steps of any method or process so disclosed.

Claims

1. A control signal generation apparatus for receiving (n+1)-bit channel words and selecting an (n+1)-bit channel word which is supplied to a recording unit, for use in a system having means (100, 150) for affixing a one-bit digital word to each information in a digital information signal, precoders (200, 250) for coding successive (n+1)-bit information words to which one-bit digital word is affixed into (n+1)-bit channel words, recording means (700) for recording the (n+1)-bit channel words supplied from the precoders (200, 250) on an information track in a magnetic record medium, and select means (600) for selectively supplying one of the (n+1)-bit channel words from the precoders (200, 250) to the recording means (700) in response to a control signal (CS), the control signal generation apparatus comprising:

first spectrum detection means (310, 320, 330) coupled to an output end of said precoder (200) which generates a one-bit digital word, "0"-affixed (n+1)-bit channel word, for detecting peak, notch and dip components at a particular frequency from the (n+1)-bit channel words;

second spectrum detection means (350, 360, 370) coupled to an output end of said precoder (250) which generates a one-bit digital word, "1"-affixed (n+1)-bit channel word, for detecting peak, notch and dip components at said partic-

ular frequency from the (n+1)-bit channel words;

comparator means (381-383) for comparing the spectrum components detected in said first and second spectrum detection means (310, 320, 330; 350, 360, 370) with the same kind of spectrum components, respectively; and

means (390) for determining which of said first and second spectrum detection means (310, 320, 330; 350, 360, 370) outputs more components having relatively small size, and generate the control signal (CS) indicating the decision result.

2. The control signal generation apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising gain control means (400) which compares the peak, notch and dip components of said first and second spectrum detection means (310, 320, 330; 350, 360, 370) with upper limit and lower limit reference set values, and generates a gain control signal according to the comparison results.

3. Apparatus according to claim 2, wherein each of said first and second spectrum detection means (310, 320, 330; 350, 360, 370) comprises a plurality of integrators (315, 355, 325, 365, 335) used for generating peak, notch and dip components, in which an individual integrator controls the gain of an input signal according to the gain control signal of the gain control means (400).

4. Apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the gain control signal is used for controlling the gains of the integrator in the first and second spectrum detection means.

5. The control signal generating apparatus according to claim 2, 3 or 4, wherein said gain control means (400) generates the gain control signal to increase the gains when all the peak, notch, and dip components are smaller than the lower limit reference set value, while to decrease the gains when at least one of the peak, notch, and dip components is larger than the upper limit reference set value.

6. The control signal generation apparatus according to claim 5, wherein respective integrators (315, 355, 325, 365, 335) control input signals to have the same gain with each other in accordance with the gain control signal.

7. The control signal generation apparatus according to claim 6, wherein each integrator contained in one of said first and second spectrum detection means (310, 320, 330; 350, 360, 370) comprises:

a latch (441) for storing an input signal;

a first amplifier (443) for amplifying an output signal from said latch (441) by two times;

a second amplifier (442) for amplifying the output signal from said latch (441) by one-half times;

a multiplexer (430) for selecting and outputting a one among an integrated value of a corresponding integrator (315, 355, 325, 365, 335) which is contained in the other of first and second spectrum detection means, and output signal of said latch (441), and output signals of said first and second amplifiers (442, 443), according to the control signal (CS) and gain control signal; and

an adder (440) for adding the output signal of said multiplexer and a channel word to which 1-bit digital word is affixed.

8. The control signal generation apparatus according to claim 1, the apparatus further comprising:

a first gain controller (401) for comparing the peak components of said first and second spectrum detection means (310, 350) with predetermined upper limit and lower limit reference set values, respectively, and for generating a gain control signal according to the comparison result;

a second gain controller (402) for comparing the notch components of said first and second spectrum detection means (320, 360) with the upper limit and lower limit reference set values, respectively, and for generating a gain control signal according to the comparison result; and

a third gain controller (403) for comparing the dip components of said first and second spectrum detection means (330, 370) with predetermined upper limit and lower limit reference set values, respectively, and for generating a gain control signal according to the comparison result,

wherein each of said first and second spectrum detection means (310, 320, 330; 350, 360, 370) comprises a plurality of integrators (315, 355, 325, 365, 335) used for generating peak, notch and dip components, in which an individual integrator controls the gain of an input signal according to corresponding gain control signal.

9. The control signal generation apparatus according

to claim 8, wherein each of said first through third gain controller (401 - 403) generates the gain control signal to increase the gains when all the components are smaller than the lower limit reference set value, while to decrease the gains when at least one of the components is larger than the upper limit reference set value.

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FIG. 1
(PRIOR ART)

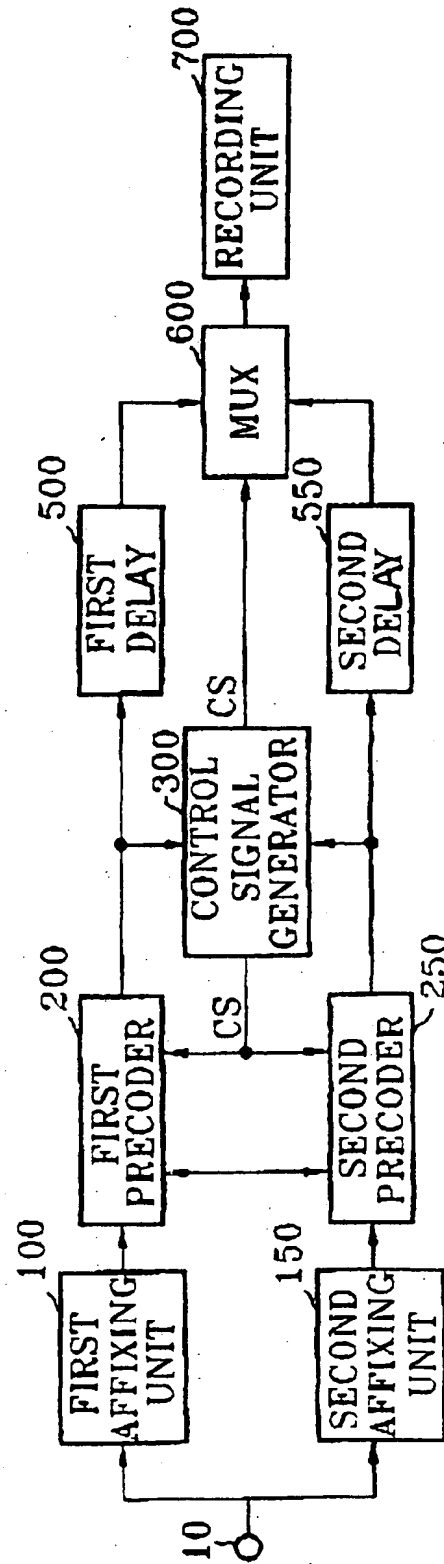


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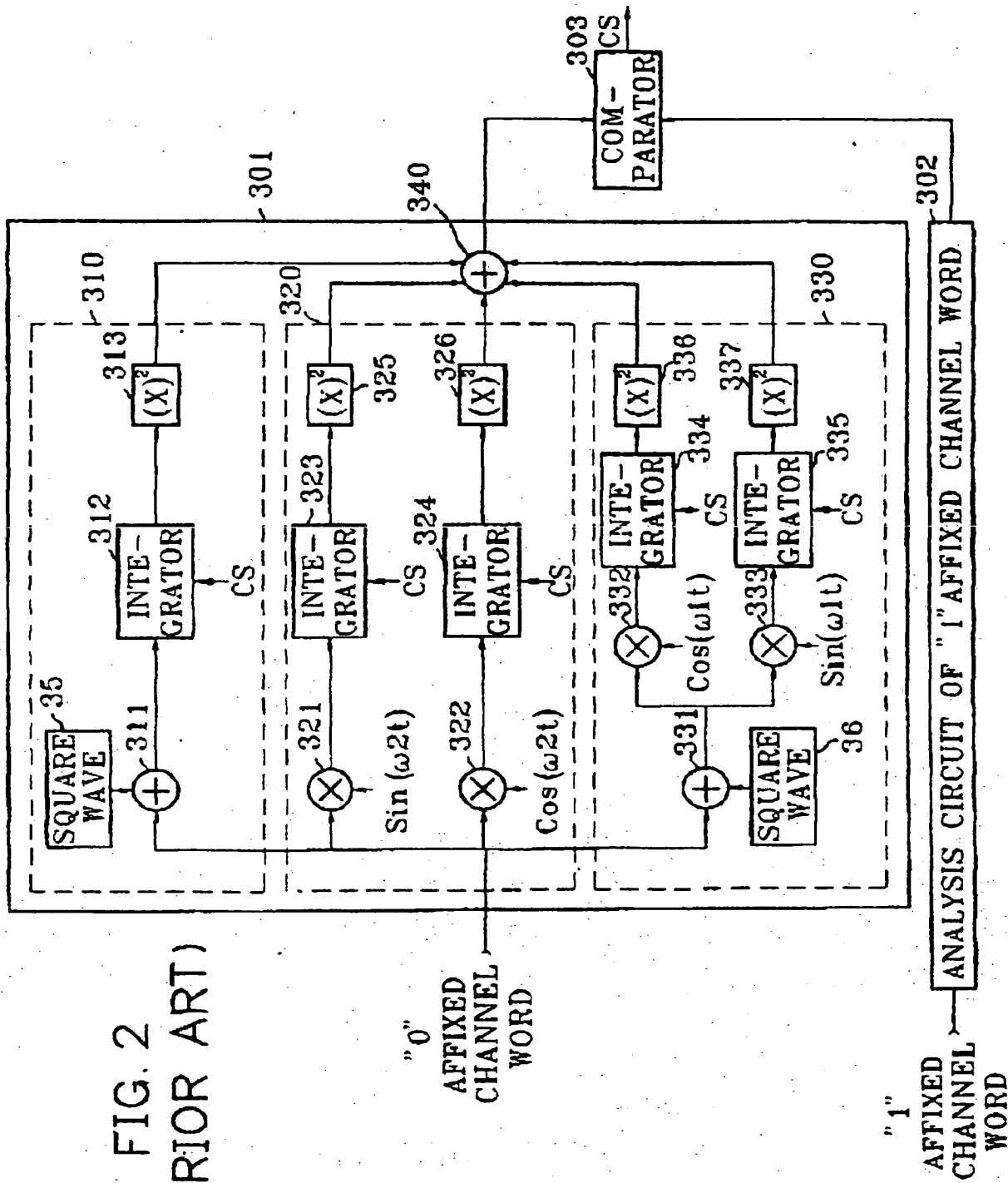


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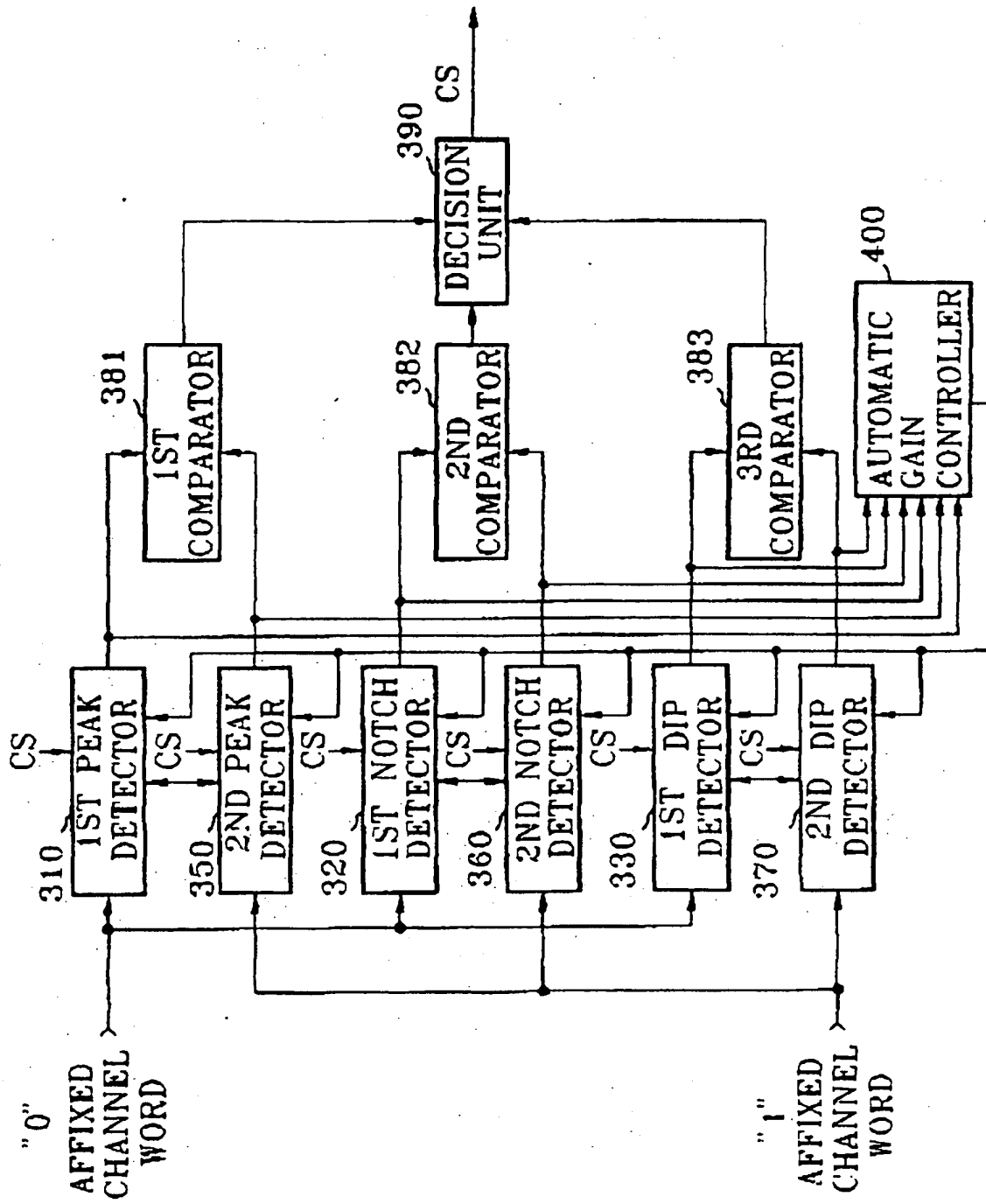


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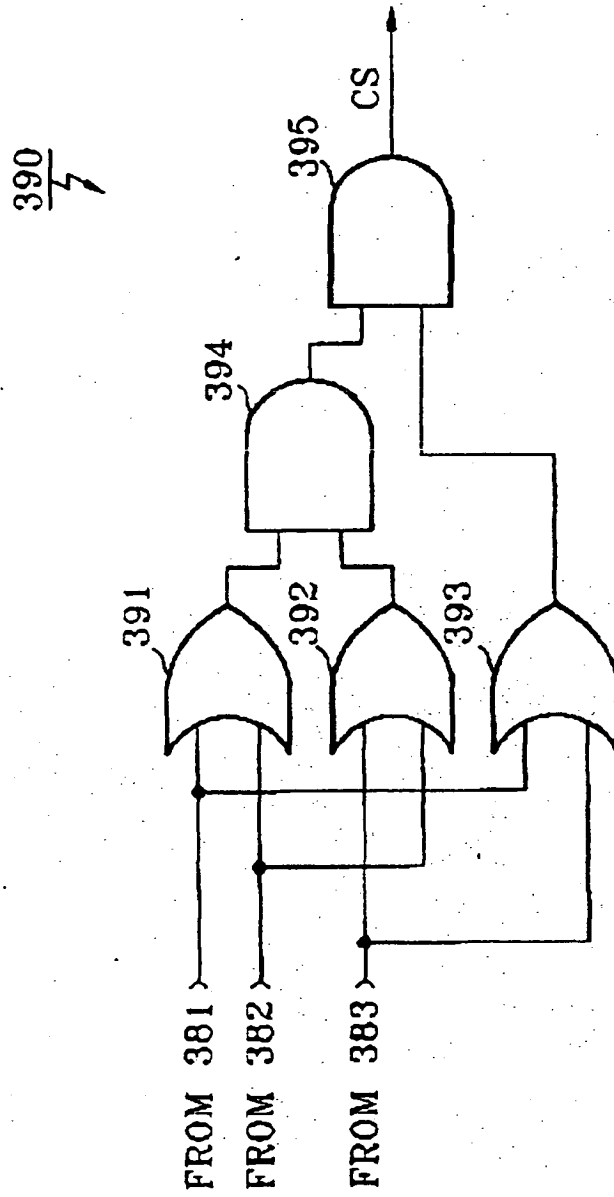


FIG. 5

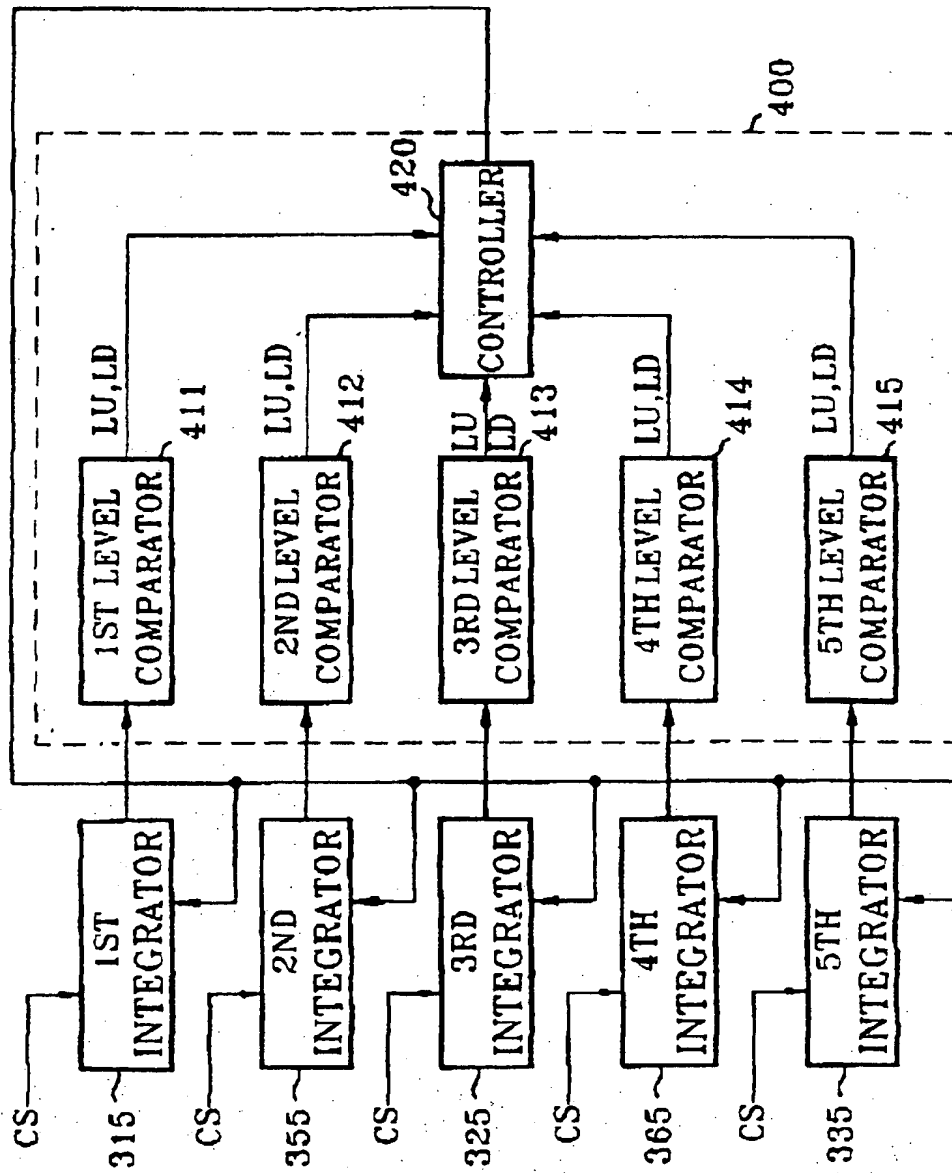


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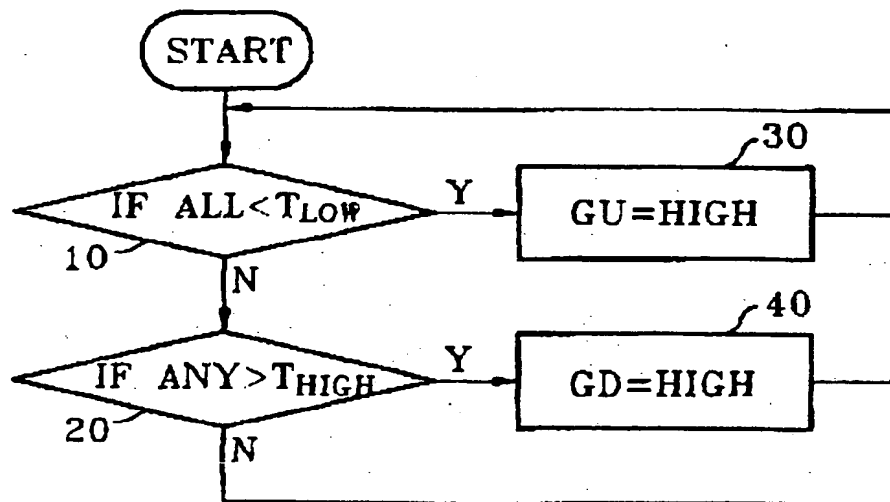


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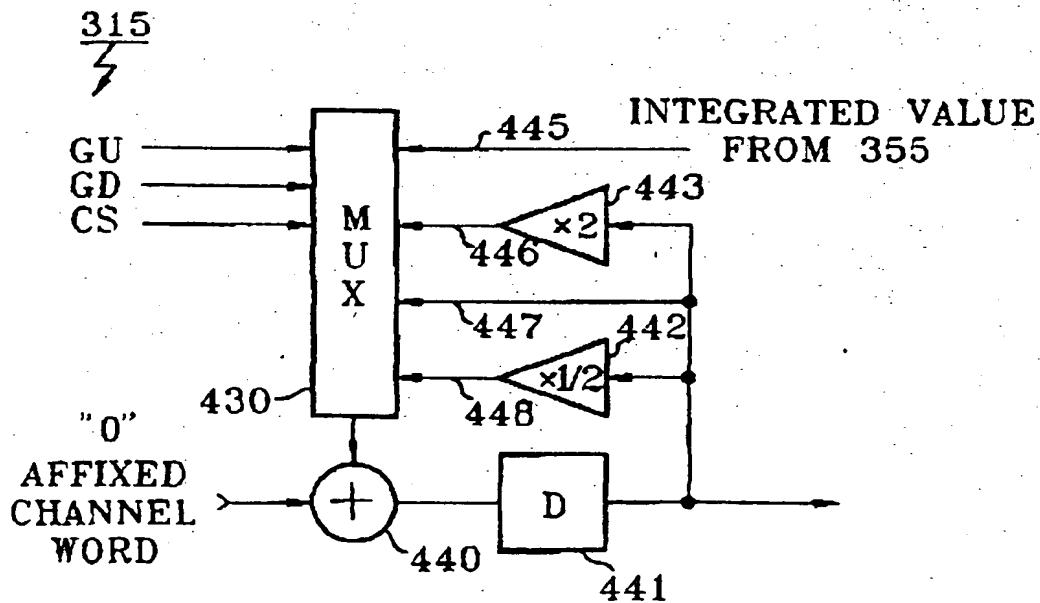


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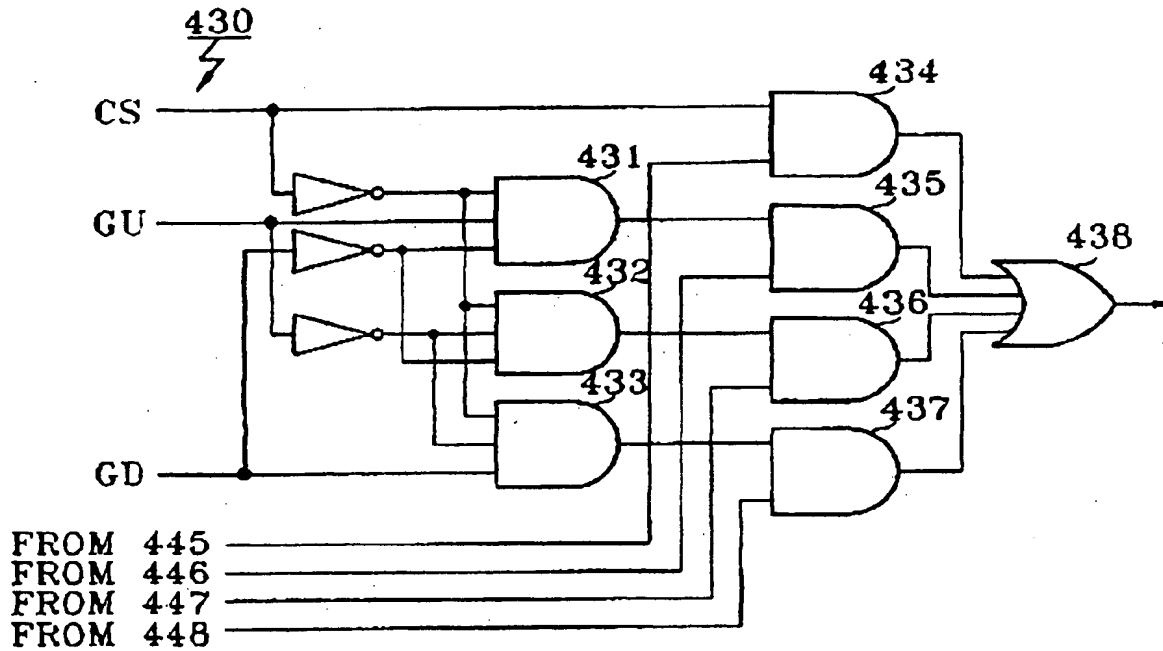


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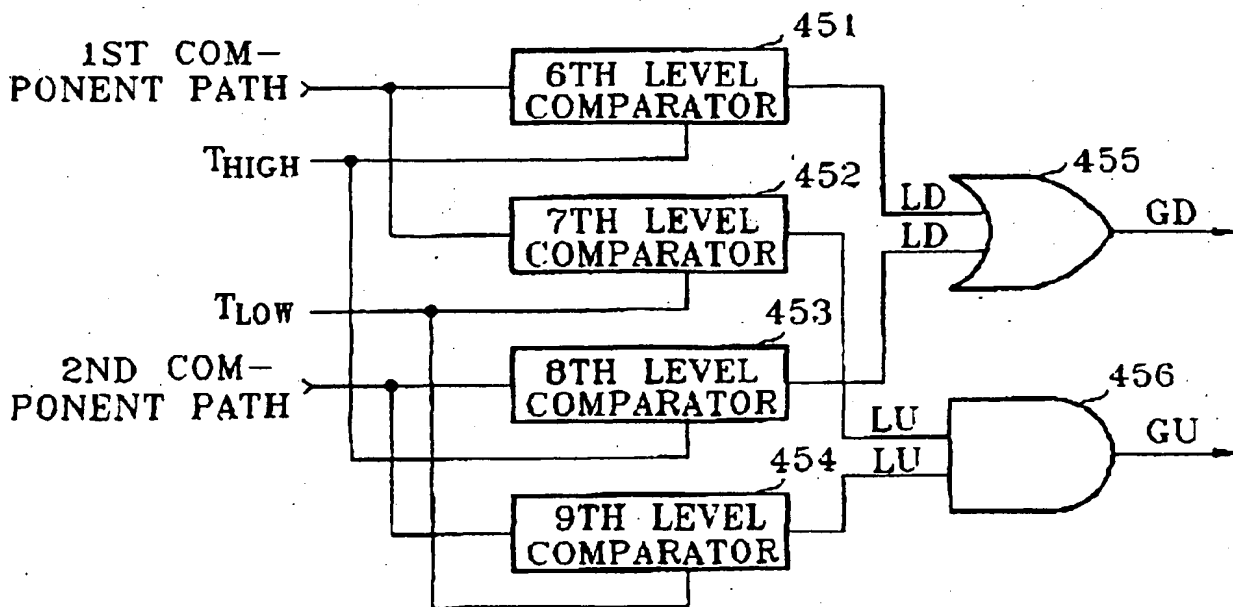
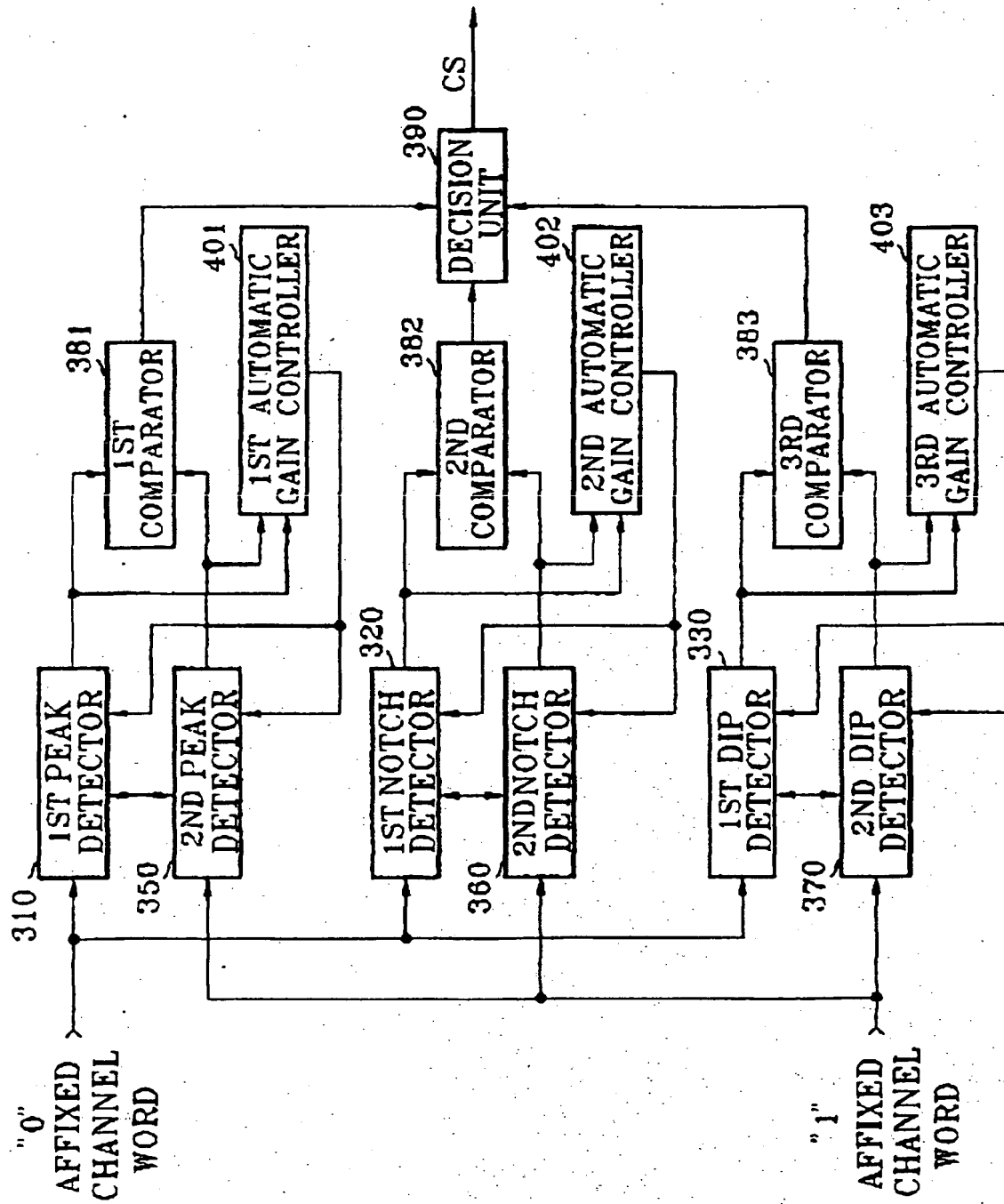
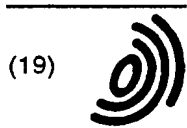


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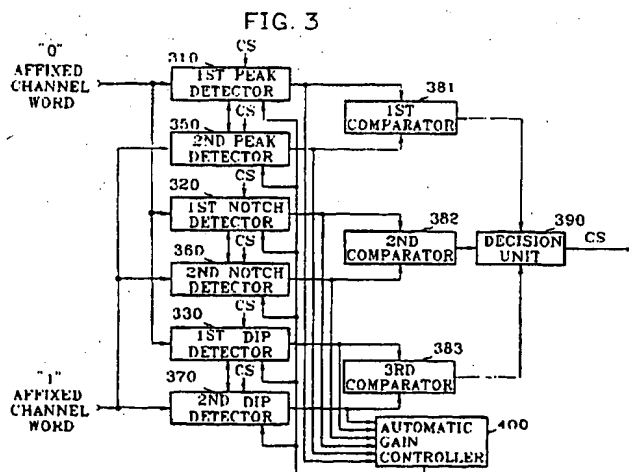
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(54) Control signal generation apparatus for a digital information signal recording system

(57) A control signal generation apparatus for use in a digital information signal recording system enables an optimum channel word of two channel words output from two precoders to be recorded on a digital record medium. The control signal generation apparatus compares (381 - 383) the same kind of components between peak, notch, and dip components detected from the two channel words, and generates a control signal for selecting an optimum channel word. Also, the apparatus comprises a gain controller (400) for controlling gains with respect to integrators used for detecting the peak, notch, and dip components. The gain controller (400)

compares the detected peak, notch, and dip components with the upper limit and lower limit reference set values, and generates a gain control signal according to the comparison results. Accordingly, the present invention can reduce the amount of the hardware circuitry, compared with the conventional apparatus which adds the peak, notch, and dip components detected from an individual channel word, and then compares the addition results with each other. Also, using of an automatic gain controller allows the number of the maximum allowable bits to be reduced, and an operational processing speed of an integrator to be increased.





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